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Nora York, left, and Nasinya Patterson blow bubbles at this year's Abbey Gardens Spring Celebration. See story on page 9.

Minden asked to saddle up for the rodeo

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With a history that spans nearly two decades, the RAM Rodeo tour may end up making a stop in Minden this summer.

On May 14, tour organizer Ross Millar and Joe Graham, president of the Minden Agricultural Society, told councillors about

their plans for a two-day event, which would be held at the Minden Fairgrounds in June.

"We do a rodeo event that goes from community to community," said Millar, president of Ross Millar Group. "I'm very proud of our past record and our accomplishments."

The main goal of the tour, he said, is to provide spectators a unique brand of

entertainment.

"There's a bit of a story with it and it's an entertainment that doesn't come to most towns."

Approximately 200 cowgirls and cowboys from across eastern North America would take part in the event. It is anticipated that anywhere between 1,000 and 1,500 spectators would attend.

Fundraising opportunities would be made available to the fair board and possibly other service groups in the community.

"I also feel it's a good measuring stick that hopefully you can raise some monies within the community," he said.

In his first year of the tour 18 years ago, Millar said he brought the rodeo to Haliburton.

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Library targets digital literacy

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing Writer

Following the completion of the sustainable Wilberforce library in 2014, the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) is turning its focus to the expansion of digital literacy in the county.

The new Wilberforce branch building was the HCPL's crowning achievement last year, the result of years of work with several community partners. The third new HCPL branch in six years, it is thriving and has further increased requests for HCPL tours from other library systems, according to Bessie Sullivan, HCPL chief executive officer.

"We think that it [Wilberforce] is the only library of its kind in Canada, a sustainable building, and that partnership was also very unique so a lot of people want to see it," she said.

The HCPL responded to community needs in several ways, underlining the role of each branch as a community hub, not just a library. By year-end it had formed more than 50 partnerships to provide a wider variety of services and avoid service duplications among county agencies.

Programming included March Break and summer children's programs, book clubs at several branches, the national Evergreen™ Award program that gives readers the opportunity to select a winning title, and services such as faxing, printing and room rentals.

Other community support activities included swapping December fines for food donations for local food banks, and coordinating with several organizations to ensure that free and paid March Break programs across the county do not compete with each other.

The HCPL added 7,253 items to their catalogue for a total of more than 50,000 items, and overall circulation rose by two per cent to 147,649 items. Use of e-books and electronic audio books continued to rise steadily

and spiked significantly during periods of poor weather, according to Sullivan.

The HCPL's expenditures of \$881,777.60 were balanced by revenues of the same amount that included \$674,000 budgeted by the county for HCPL operating expenses (the four municipalities provide the funding related to library buildings).

The remaining revenues came from provincial grants, contributions from reserves, fees, permits, fines, and other funds including \$16,334 raised by volunteer organization Friends of the HCPL. Last year the Friends received the Gabrielle Schreiber Award from Friends of Canadian Libraries in recognition of outstanding support to HCPL.

By the end of 2014 HCPL had become involved in social media, using Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and a WordPress blog to promote programs and services.

This year the focus moves to HCPL's role in digital literacy development.

"We have written for some grants that will help us in that area," said Sullivan. "We need both staff and equipment to do a better job."

The branches already provide high-speed Internet access and computers, but "we never seem to have enough [computers]," said Sullivan.

In discussion with the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), the HCPL has learned that there are "a lot of gaps" in the county in areas such as computer training.

"A lot of what we're looking at is in terms of helping people get work" through training in areas such as resume development and electronic submission, said Sullivan.

As part of its 2013-2017 strategic plan, the HCPL is also working on a service delivery model to clearly define minimum service levels according to branch size.

A draft of the model was presented to the HCPL board at its regular May 13 meeting.

Rodeo proceeds to benefit fair board

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"It was a good event and we did it on our own with no community help, other than the Haliburton town."

According to Millar, his rodeo follows the rules of the Canadian Cowboys Association, an organization that promotes the sport of rodeo. Since forming, they've "never had a citation of any sort from the Ontario SPCA [Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals]."

"We have an open-door policy with the Ontario SPCA," he said, pointing out that for the past decade his group has provided information clinics to SPCA agents.

"Once we did a clinic for them, all of a sudden they started showing up at our rodeos. I believe they showed up because they had a comfort level with what to look out for."

In its first year, RAM Rodeo would assume responsibility for all debts and income that are generated. The fair board would need to prepare the grounds, provide a food and refreshment tent, and offer security for the duration of the rodeo, among other requirements.

The tour will have its own spectator liability insurance in place.

Since the event will serve as a fundraiser for the fair board, Millar and Graham requested that the township waive equipment and site rental fees.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin said a decision should be reached at the next council meeting on May 28.



Photo by Mark Arike

RAM Rodeo Tour organizer Ross Millar, left, and Minden Agricultural Society president Joe Graham address council on May 14.

"We hope that this is a mutually beneficial path forward for us," he said.

The proposed dates for the Minden event are June 27-28.

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M&M Meat Shops in Haliburton is closing its freezers.

Haliburton's M&M Meat Shops store closing after 10 years

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

After a decade in business, the local M&M Meat Shops store in Haliburton will be closing for good on May 23.

"It's all numbers," said Jan Newbatt, store manager for the past four years. "There's not enough foot traffic. We had a stellar year [in 2014], and I did what I could."

Local resident Jacquie Barry owned and operated the store for six years before selling the franchise back to the grocery chain. She still owns the building, which is also home to two other businesses.

While Newbatt is the manager, its operations have been overseen by a corporate manager at head office.

She was aware that some corporate cuts were in the works, but it wasn't until last Thursday that the staff learned they would be affected.

"We've know that for a while, but we just didn't know

that we were going to be one of them," said Newbatt.

Passing on the news to her three employees, one of whom has worked at the store for the past three years, wasn't easy.

"It was hard. We're a family here and we run this like a family. We all take ownership in this store," she said.

Many local customers have also expressed their displeasure with the recent news.

"I really appreciate their business," she said. "I know they're going to miss us and we're going to miss them."

Newbatt doesn't know what her future plans will be at this time. She is also unaware of what will happen to the space after the store closes.

Following the closure, the nearest store locations to the county are in Bancroft, Bracebridge and Lindsay.

According to their website, M&M Meat Shops is Canada's largest retail chain of specialty frozen foods with locations across the country.

Four teens injured in single-vehicle accident

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

One 17-year-old teenager was airlifted to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto with serious injuries following a single-vehicle accident on May 15.

The accident occurred at around 11 a.m. when a 2007 black Ford Edge travelling westbound on Salerno Lake Road, east of Lucky Copper Lane in Minden Hills, went off the road and struck a tree.

The 17-year-old driver and a 17-year-old passenger were treated for their injuries at the Minden hospital. A 16-year-old female passenger was later transported to Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay.

Members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP, Haliburton County Paramedic Services, Highlands East Fire Department and the Minden Hills Fire Department responded to the scene.

The investigation is ongoing.

Around 4 p.m. that afternoon, officers responded to a single-vehicle rollover on County Road 21, near Stevens Farm Court in Minden Hills. A male was transported to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

OPP Const. Dianna Dauphinee said that weather was a factor.





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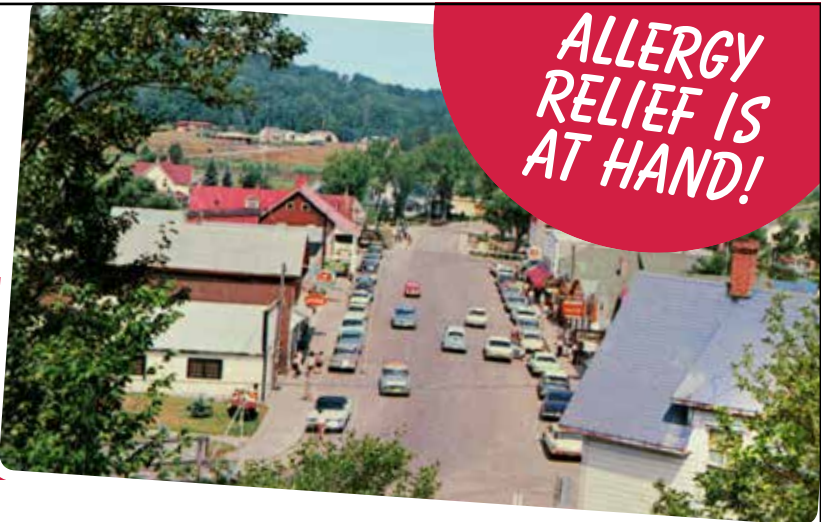


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Editorial opinion

Charity begins at home

It took moving to the Highlands three years ago to truly understand the importance of community.

When I was in college, I wanted to work for a daily city newspaper. The goal was always to get into a big newsroom, and to build up my career until I was working at the Toronto Star, writing about provincial, national, and international news.

I, like many others, believed that the bigger the scope of the story, the higher its profile and impact, the more important it was. So when I was sent to cover an elderly curler in Sudbury during my work placement I was a bit disappointed. That kind of story wasn't going to change the world.

Living in the Highlands has changed my mind. It's taught me that community is important. That a small story, on a small scale, can mean the world to a small community like this. That I can change my community for the better, and that what community papers like The Highlander do is truly important.

That's not to say that the international stuff isn't important too, because it is. But it means we can't neglect what's happening here, locally, as if it's somehow less significant. To the people who live here, *here* is the most significant place there is. That's a reality our community could learn from when it comes to something many of us are very dedicated to: fundraising.

There are millions of people in Africa who are starving, have been displaced from their homes, and are suffering from disease. There are kids who can't go to school, parents who can't find clean water to drink, and families that are suffering after disasters destroyed their homes.

Efforts to help these people are commendable, because they are in need. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students raised over \$5,000 this week

to help send African girls to school and in the process learned how with effort and determination, any of us can make a difference in the lives of others.

But also in need are the families here, in Haliburton County. Families who decide month to month whether they should pay rent or feed themselves. Families that can't afford to heat their homes, can't get to appointments to see their doctors, or can't afford the cost for basic health and hygiene needs.

It's ironic that while our students are helping kids in Africa, Food For Kids struggles to feed hungry children in our very own schools.

Our teenagers are learning to be global citizens, to donate their time to help others. Their efforts are valiant and their intentions pure. What they accomplished this past week, raising that much money to help others, was fantastic and they should be applauded. But they should also be urged to look around their own community and recognize the issues here.

While international causes often get mountains of press, Haliburton County isn't talked about in mainstream media – most of our nation's social problems aren't, either. It's almost as if there's a conspiracy to deflect attention from our own problems to focus on those of other people. But our issues are just as important as the ones in Africa or Nepal. We are just as important, even if the Toronto Star doesn't pick up our story.

Charity, I was taught, does begin at home.

The sooner we realize that, the better off our community will be.



By Matthew Desrosiers

No longer in service

I turned around quickly and there it was, gone!

During a visit to Hal High several months ago, I noticed two blank spots on the wall. Well, not completely blank. It was like you see in the movies when a painting is taken down and the dirt shadow created by the painting announces where it once hung.

The missing items? Pay phones! The two had stood like sentinels just off the main lobby of the school for as long as I can remember. Oh the look of the phones had changed from time to time, as has the amount required to make a phone call, but there they stood for all those years, silent, black, sturdy pieces of industrial design, just waiting for you to "reach out and touch someone," if you had the correct change.

(A brief digression here: It may be just wild speculation on my part, but I doubt any company, telephone or otherwise, would, in this day of political correctness, be encouraging its customers to "reach out and touch someone," no matter how well-meaning. It is highly unlikely the "my phone company told me to do it" defense would stand up in court any more.)

The disappearance of pay phones at the school and elsewhere are being prompted by a number of things. First and foremost they are no longer turning over enough quarters; the pay part of the name was no longer paying off. Bell asked the school to subsidize the phones' continued presence in the lobby. The school refused.

Anyone walking the halls of the school, when they are choked with students, would quickly realize why the quarters aren't dropping anymore. Virtually every student is carrying a phone in his hand, on his hip or in her purse. The ubiquitous cell phone is the new normal, and you don't need exact change to make it work.

Pay phones and booths also need coddling, staff time. Someone has to empty the coin box, make sure they are cleaned and repair them when they break down or suffer at the hands of vandals. Staff time costs money and the dwindling income likely isn't even coming close to covering the cost of the maintenance.

Pay phones are also often a target of vandals, especially those inspired by a few too many cold ones and a pent up inner rage against the system. Each modern pay phone costs about \$5,000 with additional expenses if there is a booth or shelter involved, plus installation. It all adds up to a lot of quarters.

The phone company could raise the cost of a call from 50 cents to a dollar, a proposal that has been made before the CRTC, but even that suggestion means the company is caught on the horns of a dilemma. If they moved to a dollar a call, they would likely want to upgrade all the phones to accept loonies (and add a slot for toonies as well). But a system-wide upgrade like that surely cost more than the higher rates would return. The payback would be a long way out indeed.

A representative of Bell Canada tells me they plan to maintain pay phones in high traffic locations such as shopping malls, airports, hospitals and other community facilities, but other than those most obvious locations, the once ubiquitous pay phone is likely going the way of the buggy whip and the rotary dial.

So, while the phone company says that pay phones are still an affordable and convenient way for the public to access the system, they continue to withdraw the machines. Remember the pair that stood just behind the CIBC in downtown Minden? No longer there. The pair in the high school? Nope. Minden arena? Gone. Haliburton arena? Disappeared, too.

Not only is the pay phone slowing slipping away, the phone booth has all but disappeared as well. Outdoor call boxes once provided shelter from the elements when making a call. Unfortunately they were often used for other purposes as well. Now a three-sided plexi-glass shell provides only limited protection from the waist up, if the wind isn't blowing. In Great Britain that traditional red call box is all but a memory. Some argue that the pay phone is a link to emergency assistance, but alas, even that feature gains the company no return. Calls to 9-1-1 are toll free.

So I watch with interest as the once ubiquitous call boxes, phone booths and pay phones slowly disappear from our public landscape. I don't lament their demise as much as recognize they are victims of the rapidly changing topography of our communications landscape.

I do have one query however and I know it burns in the heart of every journalist: Once all the phone booths have been removed, where is Clark Kent going to change his clothes?



By Jack Brezina

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Correction

In 'Score one for the ducks' (The Highlander issue 185, page 35), it was reported that the Haliburton chapter of Ducks Unlimited hosted a fundraising dinner and auction. In actuality, it was the Minden chapter's 10th annual event. The Highlander regrets this error.

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Letters to the editor

Lebo gets a “D” for anti-union diatribe

Dear editor,

The headline on Bram Lebo’s fact-challenged diatribe against teachers and their unions in the May 14 Highlander (How High?) must have somehow got mixed up with the one appearing on Will Jones’s column in the same issue – “What a Bunch of Rubbish”.

Teachers and their unions are simply not the authors of the problems Lebo identifies:

- School Board geographical boundaries that make nonsense of local input, let alone control;

- A centralized collective bargaining system that strips local union and school board representatives of any real authority.

As anyone actually paying attention to developments within the education system since the Mike Harris years knows, both the super-sizing of school board jurisdictions and the centralization of the collective bargaining system were imposed by provincial governments over the active opposition of teachers and their unions. Apparently, these facts just don’t fit Lebo’s anti-teacher, anti-union framework.

Other excluded facts include the inconvenient truth that the current dispute between teachers, their unions and the provincial government has nothing to do with union attempts to drive wage rates up. The key issues are employer attempts to control how teachers allocate their planning time as well as the evaluation methods teachers use to assess students. These non-wage issues have a direct bearing on the quality education the overwhelming majority of teachers and their unions are committed to delivering.

To the extent that wages are an issue in this round of bargaining, it’s the Wynne government that’s on the offensive with demands to extend the timeframes for movement from one step on the wage grid

to the next and to fund progression through the wage grids with cuts to other current compensation-related provisions.

Rather than insulting teachers by comparing them to “Mao’s submissive masses” and portraying them as passive, zombie-like dupes of allegedly draconian Union Bosses, Lebo should “go to school” on the day-to-day realities facing real teachers in real classrooms.

With a little old time investigation he might learn a thing or two about the chronic and damaging underfunding of support for special needs kids, for example, and how that has created impossible teaching and learning conditions in far too many classrooms.

He also might learn that it takes at least 11 years for a newly-hired teacher to move from a \$45,000 start rate to the \$90,000 salary maximum he seems to find so objectionable. He would also learn that no teacher in Ontario has the “benefits for life” he claims they’re entitled to.

As for the alleged “summers off”, Lebo might ask about the number of courses teachers take in July and August, at their own expense, to upgrade their teaching skills. Or peruse the studies documenting the huge amount of time teachers spend during the summer school break preparing for the upcoming school year. Or the amount of personal money spent by teachers setting up their classrooms.

Without any apparent sense of irony, Lebo claims that teachers have put a huge distance between themselves and the communities they serve. The real distance exposed by Lebo’s editorial is the one between his own rhetoric and the on-the-ground reality in schools in his own backyard.

Terry Moore
Algonquin Highlands

Photo of the week



Cherry blossoms in bloom.

Photo by Walt Griffin

Education system a ‘monster’

Dear editor,

I see on the masthead that Bram Lebo is the publisher of The Highlander. I’m not sure if that means he is the owner, but if he isn’t, he should be instructed to write far more columns for the newspaper.

His ‘How High?’ piece was typical. The message was important and eloquently written; every sentence was worth pausing over and thinking about. Without undue teacher-bashing he incisively describes the appalling educational monster that has developed over the past few decades.

My motive in writing now is not so much about educational warfare, but rather to encourage Bram Lebo to express his opinions in print more often. There are only a small handful of journalists I look forward to reading and he is certainly one of them. He probably has far more important things to do than to cater to my taste in columns, but I’ll continue to appreciate whatever I get, and I’m sure the world will be a better place.

John Bateman
Little Bob Lake

Wet dogs and sites unseen

Where to begin? That is the biggest question, when looking back and attempting to put into words the epic failure of our first camping trip of 2015. I guess the start is as good a place as any, and by start I mean the reasons for going.

Yes, we had reasons, goals even. For Little Z the goal was to have a fire and make s’mores, with the extortionately expensive s’mores making kit that I had unwittingly promised him from the grocery store without first checking on the price. This reason for camping should have been no problem but, unbeknownst to us, numerous barriers would be thrust in our path on the road to s’mores making.

For my lovely wife’s and my part, we were keen to go camping because we wanted to road test, or rather canoe test, our newest addition to the family, Jeff. We figured that our hound dog could not be left at home each time we braved the bugs for a night or two, and so what better way to introduce him to camping than with a simple one night trip just around the corner, on Koshlong Lake.

Nothing could go wrong.

We’d marked a camp site on the map that looked like we could drive right to it before taking the dog out for a leisurely paddle. We’d rushed around on Saturday morning

to get all the chores done and supplies purchased. We’d packed the car with tent, fishing rods, BB gun, tarp, s’mores making kit, bug dope, firewood, steaks, a nice bottle of red, more bug dope, dog food, life jackets and of course, the canoe.

As we set off, everyone, even Jeff – especially Jeff, he likes car rides – was excited. Ten minutes later we were driving down a very narrow cottage road looking for the entrance to the camp site. Twenty minutes later we were still driving, through miles of bush and swamp, with no sign of the camp site. Thirty minutes later we were driving back down the narrow lane the other way, having deduced, by the fact that the road had ended abruptly, that we’d passed our camp site.

And then we met a giant truck towing a huge excavator on a long trailer head-on. The smiling driver informed us that he’d be as quick as he could unloading the machine and turning around. I looked aghast at the giant truck with its huge flatbed trailer and wondered how, on a road considerably narrower than my driveway, he and we would stand any chance of ever getting out of this backwater?

We sat for maybe half an hour while the guys unloaded the excavator and then

followed along slowly as the driver reversed, yes reversed, his giant truck for over a mile back down the track to a place where he could turn around.

Even going at this pace we couldn’t find any entrance to our camp site. We’d been two hours looking for a site less than ten minutes from our door. I was getting rather, shall we say, grouchy, by now so we gave up.

However, we weren’t going to be beaten when it came to introducing Jeff to the canoe and so we stopped off at Clear Lake for a paddle. Things didn’t get any better. In fact, they got decidedly wetter.

How shall I put this? Our dog is energetic, to say the least. And so getting him to sit quietly in a canoe was never going to be an easy proposition. But, never one to shirk a challenge, my lovely wife volunteered me to take the maiden voyage with Jeff. I donned a life jacket but neglected to get changed into my Speedo, as would have been prudent. We coaxed Jeff into the canoe and I pushed off. He stood stock still staring at the water for about one minute, then launched himself, all 60 pounds of him, out of the boat. The trouble was, I had attached his leash to the canoe and so he didn’t get far. He floundered on the seaward side of the canoe while I paddled frantically for shore.

Seeing that he wasn’t winning the battle, Jeff decided to get back in the boat.

Waterlogged, he now weighed at least 80 pounds and almost succeeded in capsizing the canoe there and then. I needn’t have worried though because instead of staying in he leapt straight out of the other side before I had chance to balance the craft.

Over we went. Kersplash! My boots, jeans and hoodie quickly weighed me down, my life jacket losing the battle with waterlogged clothing. That was until I felt bottom with my knees and stood up; Little Z still yelling, ‘swim Daddy swim!’ My lovely wife was not wet but ‘wetting herself’ such was the vigorous nature of her laughter.

The canoe sunk. I unclipped Jeff and waded out, before fishing my phone from my pocket. My lovely wife continued to laugh, so at least someone was having a fun afternoon. That was until Jeff shook himself dry all over her and Little Z. Now everyone was wet, we hadn’t found a campsite, my phone was dead and my dog hated me.

Time to call it quits and go home. Jeff can canoe again another day, when the water has warmed up a bit!

The Outsider



By Will Jones

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *What are your thoughts on the Hydro One price increase?*



Bryan Dykes
Kitchener

I do not like it but everything is going up so I guess we have to suck it up.



Jan Tombs
Keene

The characters that have the solar panels are laughing. I think that this program is ridiculous. Adam Beck designed and built the power plant at Niagara for Canadians to have economical electricity.



Jim Winn
Haliburton

I certainly do not like it. I think that they have a lot of overhead and their operating expenses are certainly out of touch with reality.



Paul Hicks
Picton

Another one? It is heinous! It is unwarranted. As far as selling off parts of Hydro One they will sell the money makers and keep the losers.



Sandi McElwain
Haliburton

It sickens me! Our hydro was over \$1,000 each month during the winter at home. A lot of people can barely live because they have to choose between electricity and food. There are a lot of mistakes with the billing from smart meters.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

AH in brief

Water on in Stanhope

Water is now available at the Stanhope Airport, according to the Township of Algonquin Highlands. Upgrades to the water system have included the addition of a water softener and fine filtration. The township will continue to test its water on an ongoing basis.

Former CBO returns as acting deputy

The search continues in Algonquin Highlands for a new deputy chief building official (CBO). The township's former deputy, Laurie Devolin, accepted the Highlands East CBO position in April. Algonquin Highlands has been unable to fill her position. Former Algonquin Highlands CBO Mitch O'Grady has been appointed acting deputy while the township's

current CBO takes holidays in May. O'Grady's appointment began May 11 and is expected to last until May 28. He retired from the township in August of last year.

Township website to get update

Councillors are looking at how the Algonquin Highlands website can be improved. One of the key issues identified with the township's current website is difficulty finding information. During a council meeting on May 7, they discussed how the website could be streamlined, both on the front and back ends, and talked about what their priorities are for the site. Those included enhancing their community links, attracting people to the township, and reorganizing the site to make information more accessible.

Dysart switching street lights to LED

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Dysart is moving ahead with a project that will convert street lights in the village to light-emitting diode (LED).

Council has reached an agreement between the municipality and RealTerm Energy to proceed with the retrofitting project.

"The idea is to get the project going as soon as possible to capitalize on savings of electricity," said municipal treasurer Barbara Swannell.

Last November, director of public works Brian Nicholson reported that the fuse, wiring and bulbs would be replaced in 337 "head" units in an effort to create long-term savings for the municipality.

Swannell said that the net cost of the project is \$159,000. This amount takes into account a \$37,000 rebate from the Ontario Power Authority.

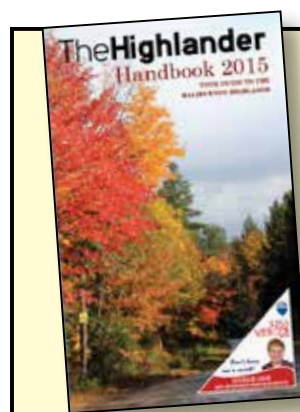
By switching to LED, the annual savings in kilowatt hours is equal to having no electricity bills for the municipality's roads garage, library, medical centre, traffic lights and caboose.

"That's a no-brainer with that kind of savings," commented Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Based on the latest information, Swannell said the payback period for the project is 3.3 years.

Fearrey noted that the municipality has been spending about \$50,000 per year on street light repairs.

The new LED lights come with a 10-year warranty but have a lifespan of 20 years.



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Chris Stickland works in his studio.

Harcourt artist answers call of the wild

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

At the age of 67, Harcourt resident Chris Stickland is once again taking a full-time approach to creating art.

"I've been painting all my life," said Stickland from his home studio located off Loop Road.

As an only child who grew up in Toronto, Stickland immersed himself in art at an early age. His parents bought him an art kit and an easel after they found him painting pictures on the walls of their home.

"I'm mostly self-taught," he said, explaining that he only took a one-year course at Sheridan College in Chinese painting in 1971.

"I was so good at Chinese painting the teacher told me to teach a class. That's what I did for a month-and-a-half."

Stickland has a collection of four Chinese seals from the government as well as a gold medal for his work.

Prior to moving to the Highlands, he lived in Oakville and worked for GE Lighting for 35 years as a chemical technician.

"I made the chemicals that went into light bulbs," he recalled.

While there he was featured in a company newsletter for his entry into the Guinness World Records book for building the smallest ship in a bottle.

Back then, Stickland had a collection of cars and got into racing. He painted graphics for sponsors on the vehicles and in 1988 was named graphic artist of the year.

A co-worker once approached him and asked if he painted people. That question led him to a new creative journey.

"I never tried it so I studied portrait drawing and painting. ... Soon I was doing portraits for everyone at work and when I moved to Harcourt I was doing portraits for all my friends."

In 2007, he was featured on the Haliburton Art and Crafts Tour.

As a frequent visitor to Algonquin Park, Stickland fell in love with nature and developed a special affinity for loons.

"My love affair with these birds has spanned more than 30 years," he said.

"I like the call of the wild."

Stickland uses acrylic paint and an epoxy urethane, which results in a "tough, glossy finish."

He donates most of his work to local charities and events held at venues such as the Wilberforce Curling Club.

His work will be featured in Bancroft during Canada Day on July 1 and the Bancroft Art and Craft Show from Aug. 1-2.

Some of Stickland's other passions include jewellery-making, glassblowing and photography.

To contact Stickland directly call 705-455-2639 or email cstickland@hotmail.com.

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.

HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. *The Guest Cottage* by Nancy Thayer
2. *The Forgotten Room* by Lincoln Child
3. *Trauma* by Michael Palmer

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *On the Move: a life* by Oliver Sacks
2. *The Complete Guide to Home Inspection* by Michael Litchfield
3. *War at Sea: Canada and The Battle of the Atlantic* by Ken Smith

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Amelia's Middle-School Graduation Yearbook* by Marissa Moss (JF)
2. *Maximum Ride Forever* by James Patterson (YA)

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Top: Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin saw a piece of lumber to mark the grand opening of Cottage Country Building Supplies in Carnarvon. Above: Kim Emmerson's antique Emmerson Lumber truck was on display for the grand opening.

Emmersons launch Carnarvon store

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

The ship is slow getting back on course.

Since purchasing Castle Carnarvon on March 20, Kim Emmerson, owner of Emmerson Lumber in Haliburton, has been making gradual changes to the business.

"It's been getting increasingly busy," he said of his new Carnarvon store. "We had a really good holiday weekend ... We're pleased about that."

Emmerson said it's going to take some time to build the business back up to where it should be.

"We're working really hard to balance stock so that it's proper, and that's a big job," he said. "The business was in need of repairs in many areas, so we're able to already go a long way in repairing and cleaning the business up."

The store's design centre has been reopened and now houses a store manager and designer.

"People can specially order things like doors, windows, siding and roofing, anything that needs to be specially ordered," said Emmerson. "We have the advantage where we can leverage the resources that are here in the main store,

so we can make this happen quickly and efficiently, plus we have experience too. It's not like we're starting out in a new venture, really."

On May 15, Emmerson hosted a grand opening for the Carnarvon store. Local dignitaries were present to saw through a piece of lumber rather than cut a ribbon. Canoe FM was on-site doing a live broadcast, and there was a barbecue for anyone with an appetite.

"I thought it went well," said Emmerson. "As the day progressed, the parking lot filled up. We were happy with the number of people we got."

Highlander business



Photos by Mark Arike
Above: Dark is Our Danger performs for visitors at the brewery. From left, Cedric Butz, Ryan Dawson and Greg Luck. Top: Albert Saxby of Raven Mad Crow Society performs in a tent near the Food Hub. Above right: Michael Schiedel-Webb, co-owner of Haliburton Highlands Brewing, keeps the beer flowing.



Abbey Gardens leaps into spring

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Live entertainment, children's activities and locally brewed beer were just some of the highlights at this year's Spring Celebration hosted by Abbey Gardens.
The afternoon event was held on May 16 on the grounds of the gardens and at the

Food Hub.
Other attractions included wood-fired pizza from Into the Blue Bakery, Tai Chi demonstrations from the Taoist Tai Chi Society and the debut of County Coffee.
Haliburton Highlands Brewing marked its one-year anniversary by releasing a new seasonal beer and featuring live music from local band Dark is Our Danger.



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Janet Hirstwood, owner of Head Inn Hairstyling, is providing a solution to those experiencing hair loss due to cancer, alopecia and thinning.

Hope for hair loss at salon

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Losing your hair is no laughing matter.

That's why Janet Hirstwood, owner of Head Inn Hairstyling in Minden, has decided to expand her services to offer wigs and comfort caps to those experiencing hair loss.

"I've been thinking about it for a few years," said Hirstwood, explaining that she developed a desire to help cancer patients and those with alopecia after seeing a close relative deal with the disorder.

"I watched her struggle with finding a place to get one [a wig] and all the things she had to go through, and I thought ... maybe I can make it easier here for people so they don't have to travel."

According to Hirstwood, those with alopecia lose their hair in clumps. This is caused by stress or from a blood disorder.

"Sometimes it grows back and sometimes it doesn't," she said, adding that it can happen at any age but it is most common in children.

Hirstwood has enrolled in courses to become a wig specialist. Each client's needs are different, therefore a vast amount of knowledge is required.

"You have to learn how to cut them, to make them a custom fit and you have to learn how to take care of them. You have to learn about the construction of them, and how to fit each person."

An individual interested in a wig, or a smaller hair piece, can fill out a form in a private room located at Hirstwood's salon. Then she will take measurements to determine the best fit and style for them.

"A lot of the time it will be very similar to what they had, and they just don't want anyone to know," she said. "It's very personal and emotional to lose your hair as a woman. I'm assuming it is for men, too, if it's caused by stress."

Hirstwood said she currently has two clients with cancer who have been "struggling" due to hair loss.

"I've seen people struggling and to be able to help them is really nice."

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June 4

Pan Am Torch Relay, 11:00 am,
Downtown Minden

June 11

Committee of the Whole meeting,
9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers

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TD donates \$1,000 to Places for People

TD Bank in Minden has donated \$1,000 to Places for People and the Highland Yard. Minden branch manager Carol Patrick presented the cheque to Places for People president Max Ward and Jack Russel, race director for the Highland Yard. The money will be used to support the race, which happens on Aug. 2. The Highland Yard is one of Places for People's biggest fundraising events each year. Pictured above: TD Minden branch manager Carol Patrick presents Highland Yard race director Jack Russel (left) and Places for People president Max Ward with a cheque for \$1,000.



Photo submitted by Marilyn Rydberg

SIRCH gets \$1,000 from the Investors Group

SIRCH has received a \$1,000 boost for its Release of the Butterflies event. Cindy Trapp from the Investors Group provided the donation, which will support SIRCH's bereavement support program. On June 14 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, hundreds of Painted Lady butterflies will be released to honour a sorrow, a wish, or a dream, according to Marilyn Rydberg of SIRCH. Butterflies may be purchased until May 28. They cost \$30 per butterfly, or \$100 for four. Contact SIRCH at 705-457-1742. Pictured above: Cindy Trapp from Investors Group (left) presents Marilyn Rydberg and Wendy Iles with a \$1,000 donation for the Release of the Butterflies.



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Through **my eyes**

Ignorance is not bliss

I sometimes wonder why I do not go out more often, but today was a laughable reminder of why I dislike social situations.



By Austin McGillion

My grandmother and I went to the M&M's as they are having a closing sale. Everything was 15 per cent off and so we decided to stock up on what we could, because anytime I want M&M's from now on we will have to drive to Lindsay or Peterborough. Our task complete, we decided to get some lunch and treat ourselves. What happened next was a stark white reminder of my disillusionment with my own kind.

I wanted to go to Tim Hortons and so off we went. They got my order wrong and asked us to pull ahead and wait for them to correct it. So we pulled ahead to where they indicated and thought we were far enough to the side so people could pass us.

Yet some woman, thinking we were just sitting there eating, thought it would be a good idea to drive up, give us the finger, and then shout at my Grandmother, "you should move forward so people can get through, you're embarrassing your son."

Huh? Yes, I was embarrassed, but not for me. I was embarrassed for the woman who dares to accuse us of sitting there doing nothing seemingly with the intent of making everyone else's life difficult. If she had asked politely we would have been happy to move further ahead.

This is what kills me about being social with others. I understand we are all unique little snowflakes, but I cannot stand to be around impolite, rude, aggressive people. I understand most people in the world don't act in this manner, but those that do should stop and consider how other people view them. I am not a mean person, but I may have the most explosive temper of anyone in Haliburton. However, I have moral barriers that I will not cross.

I know some people might be a bit shocked that I have a temper. Yes, unfortunately I do and sometimes it's a pain to keep under control. I am told it is because of the Asperger's Syndrome and that I see black or white and respond inappropriately when I can't comprehend things. But, I display my anger in a less offensive way when I am around people. In fact I probably say very little in any social situation. I just don't like the idea that some people have bad attitudes when it comes to situations where they feel inconvenienced.

Please, to all the locals and all the cottagers, be respectful of everyone, even if they spit curses at you. Prove that you are a better person than they.



Market returns to Haliburton

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The bell has been rung, marking the opening of another season for the Haliburton County Farmers' Market.

Haliburton's market location at Head Lake Park opened on May 19.

"I feel great," said Marla Force, farmers' market manager. "I'm glad the weather is holding."

Although the wind kicked up and threatened to blow over a few stands, the 25 vendors hung in for a good opening day of sales.

"It's a popular market," said Force, who manages the Haliburton, Carnarvon, and now Minden market locations.

She said the goal for this market season is to see the Minden location take off.

"The goal is to make Minden a success and have a successful market," she said.

This year, Force has seen new vendors



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Top: Allan Swain from Towering Pines Market Garden & Bakery serves his first loaf of bread this season in Haliburton. Above: Market manager Marla Force opens the market.

come in, including new farmers. "We're happy to see there are some young farmers joining us this year. We want to see people's businesses grow. They're here selling their wares, so we

want to see them successful."

The remaining market locations are set to open in June. Carnarvon opens on June 19, and Minden opens on June 20.

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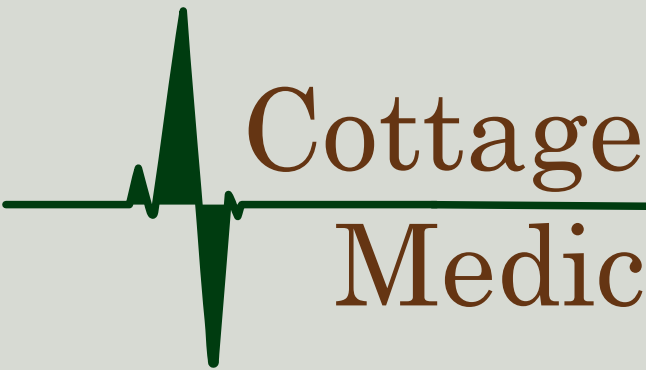
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Bell Canada donates \$500 to the 4Cs

Jennifer Cowie has earned \$500 for the 4Cs of Haliburton County. As both a Bell Canada employee and 4Cs volunteer, Cowie submitted an application on behalf of Bell Canada's Employee Giving Fund. She said the fund is a way for Bell to encourage its employees to give back in the community. As a result, Cowie received a \$500 cheque from the fund to give to the 4Cs. She presented the cheque on May 19.
Pictured above: Jennifer Cowie, left, presents a \$500 cheque from Bell Canada's Employee Giving Fund to Judy McDuff and Rose Barry, both volunteers and board members of the 4Cs.



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Highlander sports

Emsley fifth in bike marathon

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Nick Emsley is still searching for a top finish in the XC Marathon Series, but he's getting close.

On May 16, the young mountain biker travelled to the Ganaraska Forest Centre where he raced in a 75-kilometre marathon.

"It rained the night before the race, which got the course in perfect condition," he said. "I led for the first 40 kms."

Although he lost the lead and finished in fifth place, Emsley said he's pleased with the race.

"I was very happy with my position," he said.

Emsley competes in the Men's Under-39 category. His next marathon race takes place on June 27. However, Emsley also competes in the Ontario Cup mountain bike races.

"My next race is on May 24 at the Kelso Conservation Area," he said. "It's the second Ontario Cup of the year and I am looking forward to the event."



Photo submitted by Nick Emsley

Nick Emsley (left) finished in fifth place at his second marathon race of the season.



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Left: Grade 11 student Rovert Nicholls, left, waits for the cue to pie Noelle Russell. Right: HHSS principal Dan Marsden cleans himself up.

HHSS makes a difference in the lives of Kenyan students

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A week's worth of fundraising has paid off for a group of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) students who are helping two Kenyan girls keep their dreams alive.

At the end of last week, the school's Interact Club announced it had raised over \$5,000 for Education is Power (EIP), an organization that provides support to young East Africans looking to attend secondary or post-secondary school. For their efforts, a private supporter of EIP has agreed to match each donation 3:1, boosting the grand total to more than \$20,000.

“This is almost a record total compared to other years of our global fundraiser,” wrote Jennifer Paton, staff advisor for the Interact Club, in an email. “The only year that was greater was the year that half of our proceeds went to the Minden Flood Relief Fund.”

On May 13, students took to the airwaves as part of Rotary Radio Day on Canoe FM. From 7 a.m. to 6 pm. they teamed up with members of the Haliburton and Minden

Rotary clubs to raise \$3,100.

Other initiatives at the school included a bake sale, buyout, and the pie-ing of students and staff. A few private donations were also received.

“The work of our school community this week [May 11-15] will have a huge effect on the lives of students in Kenya and Tanzania,” said Paton. “The HHSS students were already passionate supporters of the work that Education is Power is doing, but the matching grant was an extra motivation to raise as much money as possible. They are already talking about what else they can do over the summer.”

Erica Carmount, vice president of the Interact Club, said it's great knowing that what the club raised will make a real impact in the lives of these students.

“This year has been really good because you get to see where the money is going, you get to see the kids you’re impacting and the education they get out of it,” she said.

Three years ago, students raised enough money to send two girls, Narupu and Nantana, from Kenya to high school.

However, a year later, the school lost contact with the person who was receiving the funds on the girls' behalf.

“We were really worried that the girls had lost their educational opportunity,” said Paton in an interview.

They were soon in touch with Dave Cuddy, director and co-founder of EIP.

"We gave him the names of the girls, he went to that region, he found their families and he got them back in school," she said.

In return, the Interact Club raised \$3,000 for the registered Canadian charity. Paton said it was the single largest donation the group had ever received.

The students, who range from Grades 9-12, chose to support the same charity once again this year.

"We've probably got about 15 regular members, but probably 40-50 kids have been part of our activities over the course of the year," said Paton.

The funds will also support Freshiah, a student heading to university.

This past Monday, Cuddy flew in from B.C. to speak to the students at the school.

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Left: Jordan Nimigon scrubs the top of a vehicle. Right: Alicia McLean uses a pressure washer to rinse a car.

HHSS prom car wash most successful ever

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A few Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students spent their day cleaning vehicles on May 16 in support of this year’s prom.

The by-donation event, which was held at

the school, raised over \$1,000. According to principal Dan Marsden it was the “best prom fundraising car wash to date.”
“A huge ‘thank you’ to everyone that helped support the event,” wrote Marsden in an email. “Your generosity is greatly appreciated!”
The annual fundraiser was organized by

Grade 12 students on the school’s prom committee. The proceeds from the event will help offset some of the costs for the end-of-year celebration.
“Prom is really a special moment for us Grade 12s, because it’s like the last big event before we all graduate and go our separate ways,” said committee member Jenna Park.

“This is kind of a fundraiser to lower the cost of our prom tickets.”
The committee arranges the details for prom with the venue and sells tickets for the event, she said.
This year’s prom takes place on June 6 at the Red Umbrella Inn in Minden. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at the school.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

65th Anniversary

Please join us to celebrate Bob and Ruth MacBrien, the lives of our parents, grandparents and great grandparents. May 23rd Minden Bible Church 177 Bobcaygeon Road. Celebration begins at 2:00pm Music, open mike, cake, fellowship & good wishes. Please drop in and congratulate them.

IN MEMORY

In loving memory of June Ackley
May 24, 2012.

Loving and kind in all her ways
Upright and just to the end of her days.
Sincere and true in her heart and mind,
Beautiful memories she left behind.
3 years ago today and much too soon
was when we lost our Nana June.
Sadly missed and always loved.

Murray Ackley and Family

Highlander classifieds

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COMPLETE SEPTIC SYSTEMS, specializing in cottage properties and residential. Serving the Highlands for 30+ years. Free septic design with every installation. Contact Brent Colman Trucking 705-286-3952 or abcoltman@hotmail.com. (SE25)



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SUPER SPRING CLEARANCE SALE at UNIQUE FINDS
May 15-30. We are making room for new merchandise at Unique Finds, 89 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. All red dot items are 50% off.

HELP WANTED

HIRING DISHWASHERS, PREP, AND COUNTER HELP. Bring resume to Baked and Battered 128 Highland St (MA21)

CLEANERS WANTED: We're looking for a variety of cleaners from all areas of the county. Please contact us at rentals@haliburtoncottages.com with your contact information.(MA21)

PART TIME SALES CLERK required at Country Magic 122 Bobcaygeon Road. Submit resume in person or call 705-286-1567 (MA28)

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ANNOUNCEMENT

SURPRISE 90th Birthday Celebration for George Corbisier. May 30th 1:30 pm-4:30 pm. Minden Legion, Best wishes only (MA28)

NOTICE



NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EAST IRONDALE BRIDGE

The Municipality of Highlands East has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the replacement of the East Irondale Bridge located on Irondale Road, approximately 20m north of the Contau Lake Road. The existing single span, steel pony truss bridge is nearing the end of its lifespan and the Municipality is commencing the planning process for its replacement in 2016.

The study will proceed in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Manual, October 2000, as amended in 2007 as a Schedule "B" undertaking. Various alternatives for the structure replacement will be evaluated based on feasible engineering technologies, public safety and natural, social, economic and cultural environments.

Public and agency consultation is an important component of the Environmental Assessment process. Public and agency input are invited for incorporation into the planning and design of the project.

A Public Information Centre is planned for the summer of 2015, at which time the Public will be provided with an opportunity for input into the planning and design of this project. Subject to comments received and the receipt of necessary approvals, the Municipality of Highlands East would then proceed with the detailed design phase of the project followed by construction in 2016. It is anticipated that the Irondale Road will be closed during the replacement of the bridge with traffic detoured via local area roads.

Details regarding the public information centre will be advertised as the date approaches. Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the Project Team in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. Your comments will be maintained for reference throughout the project and, with the exception of personal information, will become part of the public record. For further information please contact:

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This Notice issued on May 21st, 2015

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NOTICE

MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, May 28th, 2015 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

File No. SRA-13-10

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 11 & 12, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9729, registered March 19, 2015.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 14th day of May, 2015.

Ian Clendening, MPI.
Planner

EVENTS



LEARN CPR - FREE WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, MAY 26

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

MINDEN PARAMEDIC BASE

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For more information or to RSVP, call 705-457-1616 or email abrohm@county.haliburton.on.ca

Highlander classifieds

EVENTS

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS STROKE SUPPORT GROUP meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest, Minden 10 a.m. to noon. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 21, 10 a.m. to noon. (TFN)

VON Smart Exercise Program. Tuesdays 11:00am - Hyland Crest, Thursdays 1:00pm - Echo Hills. Call Carol for more information 705-457-4551 (TFN)

EVENTS

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month. 1:30-3:30 pm. Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team education room. Call Dave Graham 705-457-1296 (TFN)

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - we care Meetings: Thursdays 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Sundays 10:30 - 11:30 am. St. Anthony's 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton. All welcome. 705-324-9900. (TFN)

EVENTS

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA) - every Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Boardroom at the Haliburton Hospital. (TFN)

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Furniture, glass, china, decoys, military medals, costume jewellery, gold & silver, silver dollars & 50 cent pieces, pocket watches, paintings, etc.
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NOTICE

MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & PUBLIC MEETING 9 NEWCASTLE STREET PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (RZ-15-03)

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as 9 Newcastle Street and being located in Part of Lot 3, Concession 'A' in the Geographic Township of Minden (see Key Map below).

AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Residential Type One (R1). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to Residential Type Two Exception Eleven (R2-11). The effect of the amendment is to permit a fifteen (15) unit multi-residential residential building.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING - RZ 15-03

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2015
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or by calling Mr. Ian Clendening at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request (with a forwarding address) to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills.

DATED this 21st day of May, 2015

Ian Clendening, Planner
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Minden, ON, K0M 2K0
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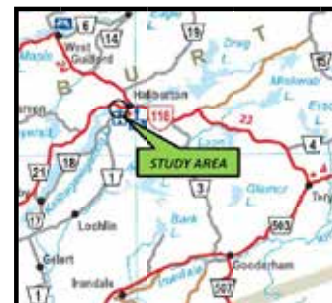
County of Haliburton Notice of Public Information Centre Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Rehabilitation of Head Lake Bridge County Road 21, 1.5 km west of Highway 118

The County of Haliburton is undertaking the rehabilitation of Head Lake Bridge in order to address structural deficiencies identified in previous engineering studies.

Planning of the project is proceeding in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment documentation, October 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011. As a 'Schedule A+' undertaking, the public is to be notified prior to project implementation.

A Public Information Centre will be held on May 27, 2015 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the County of Haliburton (11 Newcastle Street, Minden) in the boardroom adjacent to the Council Chambers to provide additional information, answer questions regarding the project, identify the nature of the work and solicit feedback and comments.

Comments will be maintained for reference throughout the project and will become part of the public record. Under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record file for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.



For more information on this project, please contact:

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Phone: 705-286-1762
Fax: 705-286-4881
dray@county.haliburton.on.ca

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Dated at the County of Haliburton May 8, 2015

Highlander events



Photo by Mark Arike

Malcolm MacLean, right, and Dave Bonham volunteer in the kitchen.

Breakfast buffet for Nepal earthquake victims

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A partnership between the Minden Rotary Club and the town’s Royal Canadian Legion branch has proven fruitful for Earthquake victims in Nepal. On May 16, a breakfast buffet hosted by the two groups at the Minden branch netted about \$1,700 for those affected by a 7.8-magnitude earthquake that hit the country in April.

“When Malcolm [MacLean] and I heard about Nepal we just said, ‘Maybe we need to do something about this,’” said Lee MacLean, co-organizer and Rotary Club member. After the couple returned from a vacation, they approached the club with their idea. “They also said ‘yes, yes, yes’ and we just went ahead,” she said. The Minden Legion, otherwise known as the Mabel Brannigan branch, donated the space and about half of the food with

the Rotary Club contributing the rest. Canoe FM advertised the event and a few volunteers from the station volunteered the day of. “It’s been great,” said Lee, adding that about 80 people were served. For \$15 per person, guests were able to enjoy an all-you-can-eat breakfast with refreshments. Live entertainment was provided by local artists Cassidy Glecoff, Trina West and Jeff Moulton. The funds will be handed over to Rotary International and from there will go to

ShelterBox, a program that provides lifesaving supplies and emergency shelter to those affected by a disaster. Each ShelterBox kit contains a family tent, blankets, water purification, cooking utensils, a stove, tool kit, children’s activity pack and other vital items. One complete box costs \$1,200, according to the ShelterBox website. Volunteers deliver aid by teaming up with other international organizations and local partners.



Photo by Mark Arike

Minden Lions Club member Larry Luther approaches a motorist for a donation.

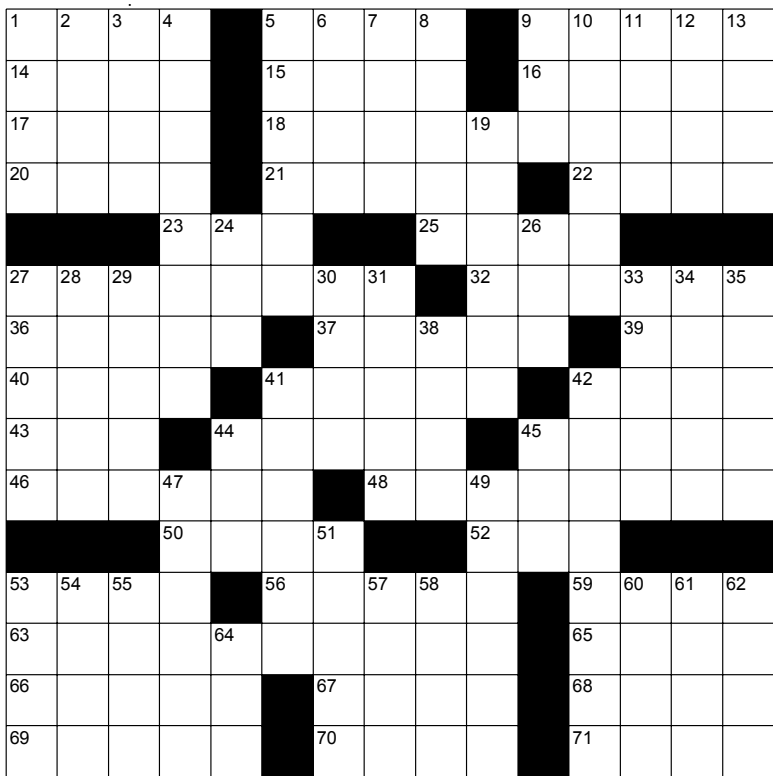
Minden Lions long weekend toll bridge a success

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With donation buckets in hand, members of the Minden and District Lions Club collected funds from motorists during this year’s toll bridge on May 16. Sixteen members of the service club greeted motorists on Water Street and Bobcaygeon Road, along the bridge. “We had a good day,” said club treasurer Brian Moore.

According to club member Larry Luther, donations ranged from a few cents to several dollars. “Some people give [quarters] and others \$5,” he said. “But it all adds up.” Luther said the event averages several thousand dollars annually. The fundraiser enables the organization to support a variety of local initiatives. The Haliburton and District Lions Club will host their toll bridge on Aug. 1 in Haliburton.

Highlander events



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1. Trade

5. Wound remainder

9. Advanced gradually

14. Dalai ____

15. Detective's find

16. Wary

17. Fighter pilots

18. Cooking device

20. Leonardo's "____ Lisa"

21. Make up for

22. Look closely

23. Immerse briefly

25. Of sound mind

27. Loan charge
32. Junior's dad

36. Broadway lights

37. Directional symbol

39. Billiard stick

40. Statistics

41. Yarn unit

42. Ascend

43. Nest egg (abbr.)

44. Visitor

45. Verse makers

46. Slumbering

48. Odd-looking fish

50. A Baldwin brother

52. Set ablaze

53. Ship's pole

56. CB ____
59. Forehead

63. Artist's need

65. Roof projection

66. Below

67. Party

68. Fair

69. Poor

70. Bullring shouts

71. Budget item
- DOWN
8. Bridle straps

9. Raised railways

10. Intensify

11. Richard ____ of "Pretty Woman"

12. Ohio lake

13. Tinter

19. Summer, e.g.

24. Tax org.

26. Unused

27. Delhi's country

28. Comes close

29. Whole

30. Rice wine

31. Ringlet

33. More frosty

34. Deposes

35. Actress ____ Witherspoon

38. Ceremony
41. Terrific

42. Ale-like soft drink (2 wds.)

44. Toothpaste form

45. Greek letter

47. Worked for

49. Luau greetings

51. Freight

53. Rotated

54. Window section

55. Staff member

57. Twofold

58. ____ of Man

60. Talk irrationally

61. Cookie cooker

62. Departed

64. Make an effort

MAY 2015 EVENTS

THURSDAY

The rehabilitation and release of Turtles – Haliburton Museum – 7:00pm

Canadian Federation of University Women Speaker Kathleen Conlan, Marine Biologist Fleming College - 7:00 pm

Risky Play defined Haliburton OEYC – 10:00 am

21

FRIDAY

Roast Beef Dinner – Haliburton United Church – 5:30 pm - \$15 – 705-457-1891

Dorset Pickle Ball – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00 am-12:00 pm

22

SATURDAY

Highlands Trio – Minden Legion – 4:00 pm-7:00 pm by donation

1000 Canoes – Dorset Docks – 10:00 am-2:00 pm

23

SUNDAY

Haliburton Hospital Aux. Geranium Tea – Haliburton Curling Club – 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

24

MONDAY

Dorset Tai Chi Classes – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Dorset Pickle Ball – Dorset Rec Centre – 6:45 pm-8:45 pm

25

TUESDAY

Dorset Craft Connections – Dorset Rec Centre – 9:30 am-11:30 am

Haliburton County Farmers Market – Haliburton Head Lake Park – 12:00 am-4:00 pm

Free CPR Workshop – Haliburton Legion – 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

26


WEDNESDAY

Kids Have Stress Too! - Haliburton OEYC - 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Dorset African Hand Drumming Class – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00 am-11:00 am

27

THURSDAY



28

FRIDAY

Haliburton Home & Cottage Show – Haliburton Arena & Curling Club – 4:00 pm-9:00 pm

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SATURDAY

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MONDAY

Dorset Tai Chi Classes – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Dorset Pickle Ball – Dorset Rec Centre – 6:45 pm-8:45 pm

June 01

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION MAY 21 - MAY 27

Haliburton Branch

General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.

Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw.

50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.

Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m.

Bridge, Monday 1 p.m.

Open dart night, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Bingo \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot on last Wednesday of the month

Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary 70th anniversary, June 6, 5 p.m. Tickets \$25.

Minden Branch

Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.

Liver lover's special, Tuesday, 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)

Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime.

Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m.

Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m.

Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m.

Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.

Monthly raffle, dinner for two at a local restaurant

Wilberforce Branch

Community Support Services 55+ lunch, Friday at noon

Pool, Friday, 2:30 p.m.

Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m., early bird 3 p.m. sharp

Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.

Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

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Highlander events



Photo by Mark Arike

Local cottagers Lennon DeGrace, Antony DeGrandis and Eleanor DeGrace dig into a box of children's books.

Giant book sale reaches milestone

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It's been 10 years now that Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library have hosted their Giant Book and Basket Sale in support of each of the county's library branches.

On May 16, several of the organization's volunteers sold a variety of donated books at the Minden branch. The event raised over \$500.

"This is our big fundraising sale," said event organizer Sue Sisson. "The turnout has been excellent. It's been really steady."

More than 20 volunteers pitched in to make the sale possible.

"I've got a wonderful team of volunteers; I couldn't do it without them," said Sisson, who is also a Friends board member.

Haliburton County Public Library CEO Bessie Sullivan opened up the event first thing in the morning.

As for this year's donations, Friends board member Elly Malcolmson said this sale had the most books in stock.

"The generosity from the public was overwhelming," she said.

Some of the books will be donated to the community kitchen at Minden's Food Centre and others will be sold at the Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival in July.

The next book sale will take place at the Dysart branch on June 6.

The mission of the Friends is to ensure that all eight of the county's library branches are the best they can be for the public. Since forming in 2001, the group has raised thousands of dollars for equipment, children's programs, branch furnishings and more.



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What's on



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Canada's best whitewater canoe and kayakers will be in Minden this weekend to compete for their spot on the national team for the upcoming Pan Am Games.

Paddling for a national team spot

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For those who want an early taste of what's on tap for the Pan Am Games, the Canadian National Team trials are happening this weekend in Minden.

On May 23 and 24, Canada's best canoe and kayak athletes will race each other at the Minden Wild Water Preserve for the honour of representing Canada at the upcoming games. The first run on Saturday starts at 9:45 a.m. and the second is at noon. On Sunday, the first run is at 11 a.m. and the second at 1:30 p.m.

"You'll have coaches there, athletes coming from all across Canada," said Ian Miller, communications and marketing officer for CanoeKayak Canada. "In terms of selection, it comes down to a set of criteria developed by the performance committee."

Selections are being made for the Pan Am Games team, the world cup team, and the world championship team, Miller said. There will also be junior and under-23 athletes competing.

In total, 53 racers will hit the waves. Thirty-three are from Canada, 12 from the United States of America, and nine from Argentina.

The Canadian team's selection will take place after four runs. Miller said it's likely some of the same Canadian athletes will be chosen for the three main teams because they plan on sending their top athletes.

"We send our best athletes, so the top athletes are likely going to go to all three [teams]."

The world cup races kick off in mid-June through to early July, he said. From there, the team returns from Europe to compete in the Pan Am Games. They then return to Europe for the remaining world cup races, and finish the season in September at the world championships.

Canada's top prospect and a favourite to

qualify for the national team in K1 at the Pan Am Games is Ben Hayward, based on his results last year. Close behind him are 47-year-old and five-time Olympian David Ford, Michael Tayler, and John Hastings.

"Ben Hayward has been breaking ground on the international scene and cracked two world cup finals in K1 last year – something that has not been done by a Canadian in quite a few years," said Miller.

The races this weekend are free to attend, and parking is available on site at designated locations. To find out more, visit canoekayak.ca.

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